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SUBJECT: TOURIST VISAS FOR LAOS

REF: PORT MORESBY 762 (NOTAL)

1. THE EMBASSY WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION SHOULD THE ALBERTS
DECIDE TO APPLY FOR VISAS TO VISIT LAOS (REFTEL). THIS
MIGHT BEST BE DONE AT THE LAO EMBASSY IN BANGKOK. WE CAUTION,
HOWEVER, THAT ISSUANCE OF VISAS IS UNLIKELY. IN GENERAL,
THE LPDR DOES NOT ISSUE TOURIST VISAS TO AMERICANS AT THE
PRESENT TIME. IT SOMEWHAT GRUDGINGLY ISSUES VISAS TO
PERSONNEL ON OFFICIAL EMBASSY BUSINESS AND TO FAMILY MEMBERS
OF THE EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

2. THE FOLLOWING TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS CURRENTLY APPLY WITHIN
LAOS: SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION IS REQUIRED TO TRAVEL MORE THAN
FIVE KILOMETERS FROM THE CENTER OF VIENTIANE. A 2300 HOUR
CURFEW IS SPORADICALLY ENFORCED. SHOULD THE ALBERTS OBTAIN
VISAS THEY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ENTER LAOS THROUGH
VIENTIANE'S WATTAY AIRPORT. THE RIVER CROSSING IS
CLOSED TO ALL BUT PROPERLY DOCUMENTED THAI AND LAO
CITIZENS.
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